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## COMPUTERIZED CAREER COUNSELLING

By Nan Wang; LLB III

I always hate to read the first few Fall issues of Quid Novi. You know why: all these tales about summer jobs in law firms just get on my nerves. In the No. 2 issue of 21 September 1992, for instance, Mr. Andreas Sautter tried in vain to conceal his pride in working for a firm which allegedly represented "thieves." I envy him. I would take up a job even if the law firm represented the Mafia. When a couple of Italian prosecutors were assassinated during the summer for daring to proceed with the trial of some Mafia gangsters, I looked meticulously for an ad in the Globe and Mail, in the vain hope that the Italian Ministry of Justice might want to hire a desperate summer student to play the martyr role.

Not that I was bullet-proof. I was just

desperate. My job hunting had been a total failure, a fiasco, a *débaclé*. I was told the Faculty has a computerized career counselling service, customer designed for disgruntled law students. Having used the MARS and other computerized telephone services, I liked the neutrality of a computer voice so I dialled the number on a sleepless night. The number was 398-HOPE.

"Welcome to the McGill Faculty of Law Career Counselling Service," the voice on the line said, against a background melody of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. "Our service is open from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., conveniently designed for the insomniacs. If you speak English, press 1; if you speak French, press 2. Make your selection now." I pressed 1.

After the usual code verification, the

voice continued: "Under the Quebec Privacy Act, all the information you provide during this service falls into public domain and shall be published in the Quid Novi. If you want to continue, press 1; if you do not want to continue, press 2 and a charge of \$50.00 shall apply." I checked into my wallet and pressed 1.

"Thank you. Please indicate the year you are in. If you are in first year, press S as in "Scared to Death"; for second year, press W as in "Worked to death"; for third year, press B as in "Bored to death". Make your selection now." You know which key I pressed, don't you?

"In order to better enable us to help you, please provide information on your academic records. If your A.G.P.A. is above

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## DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT ... WINNIPEG

By Jay Sinha; LLB II

I was born and raised in Winnipeg. Of this fact I am immensely proud. Be assured I am going to explain to you from whence my pride stems, but first I must ask you a question. This question, though seemingly innocent, has evolved into a rhetorical question which inevitably produces smiles and shivers.

The question:

When I say "Winnipeg" what is the first thing that pops into your mind?

Let me coincide with your thoughts by

presenting a scenario which I have experienced time and time again in this life. The setting is anywhere but Winnipeg and involves myself (the Winnipegger) meeting a non-Winnipegger (who has never been to Winnipeg). There is the natural exchange of bland pleasantries eventually followed by:

Non-Winnipegger - 'So, where do you come from?'

Me - 'I come from Winnipeg, Manitoba, the gateway to the West and the probable center of the universe.'

Non-Winnipegger - 'Winnipeg, hmmm,'  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS /ANNONCES

**LOST** - (during the summer): black and white negatives and contact sheets (from around 20 rolls of film) in a brown envelope. The photos are of people and scenes around the school.; a handwritten SUMMARY from Security on Moveables (in a black folder). This summary was loaned to me and I must return it! Please Please Please return them! Reward offered. Call Andrea at 284-5007 or leave them at the SAO message box under "A. Morrison".

**FOURTH RAOUL WALLENBERG FORUM IN HUMAN RIGHTS** - co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law and InterAmicus, will be held on October 29, 1992 at 8 p.m. in the Moot Court. The guest lecturer is the Honourable Per Ahlmark, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, who is coming from Sweden for this occasion. A human rights award will be given to Dr. Glenda Simms, President of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, aboriginal rights and the rights of visible minorities.

**REFUGEE DISCUSSION** - Lawyers for Social Responsibility will host Mr. Nee Okai of the Montreal Coalition for Refugees on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 12:30 in room 202. Mr. Okai will speak about problems in the refugee determination process and about the proposed legislation regarding refugees.

**YEARBOOK** - A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at 1 p.m. in room 201. Our 1st organizational meeting of the year. Anyone interested in working on any aspects of the yearbook (photography, lay-out, advertizing etc.) is invited to attend.

**JUDGING SECOND YEAR MOOTS** - I am currently recruiting upper year students (third and fourth year) to judge the second year moots on a Bench composed of one student, one Professor and one practitioner. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the Tutorial Board (next to the staircase leading down to Sadie's) indicating your preferences as to language (English or French), subject matter (criminal or constitutional law) and the dates you would be available to judge. All

moots will start at 7 p.m. and are expected to last 2 - 2 1/2 hours. I will post a finalized list of student judges on the tutorial board on October 19 and factum packages will be available at SAO as of October 21. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tanya Goldberg at 53 OCDH, tel. 398-6894.

## CORNER DES SPORTS CORNER

Les diverses équipes intramurales continuent de bien faire. Maintenant, j'aimerais vous parler de notre belle journée du samedi 3 octobre 1992, alors que la seconde édition annuelle de la "Mal practice Cup" (opposant les facultés de droit et de médecine) avait lieu.

### Brief summary of the facts:

Température: idéale, journée ensoleillée  
Lieu: Réservoir (juste en face du Thomson House)  
Jour

Médical Annex (up Peel) night  
Participation: very good participation both from law and med students  
Schedule: some events were a little bit late, I'm sorry.

### Sports played at the reservoir and who won:

women's soccer: law  
men's soccer: med  
women's flagfootball: law  
men's flagfootball: law  
goofy olympics: med  
men's rugby: med  
women's softball: law  
men's softball: med  
co-rec softball: med  
women's volleyball: med  
men's volleyball: med  
ultimate frisbee: med

So at the end of the day it was 8-4 for the med faculty. We had to win all 5 events to keep the cup.

**Événements de la soirée:**  
faculty feud: droit

men's boat races: droit  
women's boat races 1: droit  
2: droit  
tournoi de darts: droit  
tournoi de pool: med.

Alors, nous avons subis une défaite honorable de 8-9. Note, si les 2 "boat races" féminines étaient comptées cela se serait terminé de façon égale. Note aussi that your sport coordinator wants to address special thanks to all people who helped in preparation or by their participation in events. La prochaine fois, nous reconquérirons cette coupe!

### Women's Hockey

The Public Offenders gloriously began their season last week with a 9-0 win. Goals by Annie R. (2), Jenn W. (3), Lucie P.(2), Mitch D.(1) and Sylvie B.(1) combined with splendid skating performances by the other players left goalie Veronique M bored in her crease and confirmed that the team is in top shape.

Coaches Ian S. and Warren C. are impressed and baffled by this extraordinary spirit. A very promising season is ahead and the girls welcome all spectators as well as male cheerleaders.

### Football

Force Majeur played our second game October 2 against the engineers. Let's face it, their women were twice our size and they used it to their advantage. Nevertheless, with some great defensive work, we manage to hold them to 22-0, a significant improvement from last year's defeat!

### Soccer

The Kickbackees concluded a really successful season this week. On October 4, Mitch D. led the team to a 3-0 victory by scoring all three goals. While still recovering from the Malpractice Cup, the women played again on October 4. Cathy "the Wall" J. and Nathalie G. kept the ball out of our end for most of the game and enabled Catherine N. to bounce it off her head for our one goal - enough to win 1-0. Congrats to Tamara G and Cathy J who have not allowed any goals all season. The Kickbackees now head to the play offs undefeated!

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# DERSHOWITZ' PERSPECTIVE

By David Abitbol; BCL III

Alan Dershowitz recently spoke at a Combined Jewish Appeal fundraising function at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Dershowitz is a noted civil libertarian, a best selling author, a professor of law at Harvard and represents a number of well known clients including Mia Farrow, Mike Tyson, Leona Helmsley and Klaus Von Bulow. During the course of the speech, and subsequent interview, Dershowitz touched on a number of interesting topics.

## Dershowitz on the Rise of Fascism in the United States

...Even in my country, the United States, the foul odour of fascism is beginning to smell, faintly as it may be. Pat Buchanan ran for President and for a while it looked like he really might have a chance to become a spoiler for President Bush. His friend William Buckley, of the National Review, did a cover story, analyzing Pat Buchanan's career, and in the end agreed with my assessment. I wrote an extensive analysis of Pat Buchanan in my columns and in Chutzpah, and concluded that there was no way out of the conclusion that he is an anti-semitic. Well that's me but here you have William Buckley, a friend and associate, coming to essentially the same conclusion. Buckley then adds "It's amazing that a man like Pat Buchanan can survive today, 20 years ago he wouldn't be on CNN, he wouldn't be in a hundred newspapers, he would be discredited because of his anti-semitism." What this shows is a creeping toleration for anti-semitism in the United States, 50 years after the Holocaust. Two and a half cheers for William Buckley, but hold your third cheer. About a month after writing that essay, he was on national television, on the eve of the New Hampshire primary, and he, the man who called Buchanan an anti-semitic, was asked "If you were a Republican voter in New Hampshire, who would you vote for in the upcoming election?" and he said "Pat Buchanan." That shows you the degree of toleration. Believe me, William Buckley is a decent man, he would never vote for Buchanan because he was an anti-semitic, but he would vote for him as a protest vote,

in spite of the fact that he was an anti-semitic, forgetting that many voted for Hitler in Germany, not because of his anti-semitism, but because of his economic policies. They simply didn't disqualify him because of his anti-semitism.

## Dershowitz on the Middle East Peace Process

Yesterday in Jerusalem we saw renewed terrorist attacks by members of the extreme Palestinian groups who don't even want to see peace talks go forward. The real question is does Israel have a bargaining partner? Is there a legitimate opportunity to bargain with Palestinians who can then control their own electorate? The Arab people are not used to electorates, they're not used to voters or voting. It's going to be very difficult to see whether or not a peace process can really go forward.

## Dershowitz on Noam Chomsky and Holocaust Denial

I have a colleague at M.I.T., just down the road from Harvard, he's supposed to be a brilliant linguist, his name is Noam Chomsky. The man doesn't know the simplest term in the English language. That ignoramus said recently, that there is not even an anti-semitic implication in denial of the holocaust. And he wrote an introduction to a book by Robert Faurisson, a professional Holocaust denier saying the same thing. Faurisson says that the Holocaust is a hoax perpetrated on the world by Jewish people. When somebody says all the Jewish people have lied, there's no anti-semitic implication? Can you imagine somebody saying women all really enjoyed being raped and beaten... There's no anti-woman implication in that. Blacks enjoyed slavery, there's no anti-Black implication there. The man doesn't know the simplest use of the English language!

## Dershowitz on the Supreme Court of Canada's reversal of Ernst Zundel's Guilty Verdict for spreading false information in the form of Holocaust Denial literature

I think it was an understandable but tragic mistake for Ernst Zundel to have been placed on trial because in the end it gave him far more attention and publicity than he would otherwise have received. It divided civil libertarian, and the Jewish community. I think it would have been far better to devote the energy that went into the prosecution of Zundel to the marketplace of ideas, in efforts to persuade the Canadian public of the falsity and indeed the perversity of Zundel's views. I have enough faith in the mind and the fairness of the Canadian people to believe that we will win that battle in the marketplace of ideas. Although I understand the arguments on the other side, I understand how deeply offended people are by the kind of hate speech that Zundel specializes in, in the end the tragedy is that Zundel won his case and got the opportunity to put his case to a public that otherwise wouldn't have been willing to listen.

## Dershowitz on the Government of Quebec's Language Policies

It's very hard to come from out of town and comment on specific laws. From the tradition I come from, it seems to me that in a multilingual country there should be rules to encourage multilingualism. I don't pretend to understand all the dynamics and pressures that exist in this society, I just think people ought not to have restraints placed on the use of language and in general therefore I would support a more open multilingual multicultural approach. But I think it takes Chutzpah to make that kind of point because I'm really a stranger to this community.

## Dershowitz on the upcoming Referendum

I love Canada, so I'd love to see Canada be strong and survive, and I think I'd vote yes.

## Dershowitz on Political Correct Speech

I'm not supportive of it. I think that there's no such thing as politically correct speech, and I think that the greatest diversity of speech is good particularly in university...I think that every voice should be allowed to be heard.



### Computer Careers (Cont'd from p.1)

3.0, press 1; if it is below 3.0, press 2; if in your judicious view it should be 1.0 higher than it is now, press 3." That third choice was pretty neat. I really liked it.

"Thank you," the voice was ever charming. "Now, for the jurisdiction where you plan to article, press 1 for New York, 2 for L.A., 3 for Rome, 4 for Vancouver, 5 for Toronto, and 6 for Montreal." I always believed 6 was a lucky number and I liked Montreal's metro.

"Très bien," the voice inadvertently broke its language policy. "There are about 200 law firms in Montreal, among whom McGill graduates have been traditionally osught after — even with A.G.P.A. of your category. The hire-back rate of articling students is as high as the unemployment rate in Montreal: 14.2% for 1991-1992. The only concern for a career choice in Montreal, apart from its harsh winter and pot-holes on the highway, is the political future of Quebec. If you are concerned about this element, press 1; if you are not concerned, press P as in "Parizeau", with your eyes closed." I kept my eyes wide open: who can afford to be an ostrich these days in Quebec?

"Thank you. As a non-Francophone, your job prospect in Montreal depends very much on the results of the 1992 Federal referendum. Now, compared with the 1980 Quebec referendum, if you think the "Yes" in 1992 federal referendum means "No" in 1980 referendum, press 1; if the 1992 "No" means a 1980 "No", press 2. Make your selection now." I did great in Criminal Law, and I was never wrong about this: "No means No means No," be it in 1992, 1980 or 1867. So I chose 2.

"We are sorry," the computer voice took a mournful turn. "The choice you made just now bode ill for a career in Montreal. We suggest that you look elsewhere to article. Please press 1 for New York, 2 for L.A., 3 for Rome, 4 for Vancouver

and 5 for Toronto. Bonne chance." Well, there are a bit too many car bombs in Rome. Then, I hate to live in metropolitan, so New York, Rome, and Toronto are out. As for L.A., I have been practising law in California for more than 2 years — every weekday from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the People's Court on TV 22, and every Thursday evening from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Lynant & McKenzie on CTV, so I have no intellectual motivation to perfect my legal expertise in that part of the world. The only option is Vancouver.

"Thank you. Vancouver — or Honvouver as it is sometimes called — is a promising land to would-be lawyers. If you have been interviewed in Vancouver firms, press 1; if not, press 2." I hated to have this known in Quid Novi, but I had to be honest. So I pressed 1. "Xiexie, Qing Deng Yihui'r". That's Chinese for "Thank you, please wait while we process your file." I was not at all surprised to hear Chinese on the recording for Vancouver — the ocunselling service itself was probably financed by the Taiwanese billionaire who bought the Fantasy Garden.

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"Thank you for waiting. According to our file, you had 40 interviews in Vancouver, none of which worked out. Here is a list for the possible reasons for the rejection: press 1 if you were too aggressive; press 2 if you were too shy; press 3 if you were too honest during the interview; press 4 if you were licking your tongue throughout the interview; press 5 if you belched during the luncheon; press 6 if you broke a wine glass at the reception; press 7 if you mistook the interviewing senior partner for the retiring janitor and asked him to show you the wash-room; press 8 if you cannot remember whether any of these happened; press 9 if none of these happened. Make your selection now."

My index finger hovered over the phone panel, not knowing which to press. Even before the U.S. Senate Judicial Committee, I would not be willing to tell the truth this time. But maybe I should? Before I

could decide, the voice was on again.

"We are sorry, but your indecisiveness indicates that you would not be promoted to partnership within 5 years even if you were hired as an associate. We have come to the conclusion that you would not be suited to private practice of law. We therefore recommend that you try your luck with the public sector, preferably in a civil law jurisdiction with an emphasis on criminal law. According to our data update, following a car bomb explosion in central Rome this afternoon, an openeing has been created for an articling student at the Public Prosecutor's Office in Rome, with a monthly stipend of 1,500,000 lira. The fringe benefits include dental care, free pizza and daily shuttle service in an air-conditioned armoured vehicle. If you are interested, unplug your phone cord and tie it tightly around your neck. Happy hanging. Ciao." The melody of *Torna a Surriento* followed.

I hung up the phone before Pavarotti could tear my heart apart. After all this, I was back at Square One, as desperate as I was before I called the sevice. Do you have any advice? Call me if you have. Just remember, when you are on the line, press 1 if you think I should go to Rome, press 2 if you think I should stay in Montreal; if you believe you should go to Rome instead, switch to MARS and sign up for Wills and Estates.

FACULTY NOTICE BOARDS ARE BECOMING OVERCROWDED. TO AVOID CHAOS, THE SAO WILL APPROVE A TOTAL OF THREE POSTERS/NOTICES PER INDIVIDUAL. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE DESIGNATED BOARDS. ANY POSTER TAPED ON A WALL WILL BE REMOVED. THANK YOU.



## Dispelling Winnipeg Myths (Cont'd from p.1)

yeah, it's really cold there isn't it?' or perhaps, 'Winnipeg!? Wow! How do you manage to survive the winters there?'

sometimes even, 'Winnipeg? Isn't that where your skin freezes if you go outside in the winter?'

Me - 'Yes that would be Winnipeg; of course true Winnipegger only worry about frozen skin when they roll around naked in the snow for more than two hours at a time.'

AAUUUGH!! Go ahead, admit it. When I said Winnipeg you shivered instinctively and had a vision of fur-bundled people scurrying between snow houses carved out of an otherwise barren prairie tundra. I have news for you. That vision is a hogwash loaded myth which is about to be dispelled. There is more to Winnipeg than northerly flurries and wind-shield factors. I do concede that it does sometimes get cold in Winnipeg during the winter, sometimes as cold as -30 C or -40 C. However, because the air is drier on the prairies, a Winnipeg -30 C can be comparable to a Montreal -15 C. Furthermore, Winnipeg winter sunshine is legendary for it's ability to make snow sparkle on a regular basis through the winter months. There is something psychologically uplifting and aesthetically pleasant about soft, sunny snow as opposed to dirty, grey slush. But enough about the weather, there are so many other things to say about Winnipeg.

Part of being a Winnipegger involves being a Manitoban and being a Manitoban is a state of mind. The Manitoba license plate reads "Friendly Manitoba". This is no myth. Having lived in the province for most of my lifetime I am somewhat qualified to make sweeping generalizations about the place. As a pedestrian or cyclist your right of way is respected by motorists, sometimes even by taxi drivers. Bus drivers will offer directions without grimacing and may even throw in best wishes to your health during the holiday season. No joke, I was once on a bus where the driver greeted

each new person with a jovial "Welcome aboard, Merry Christmas!" and then as we dismounted he would call out "Have a Happy New Year!". Though some people thought him a little crazy, people left the bus smiling. Manitobans enjoy smiling. They do it sincerely and often without provocation. Why, you ask? Why not. What does a frown or a non-expression have over a smile? Nothing except that it tells the world to bug off. Smiles, on the other hand, breed happiness and optimism and contentment. However, to smile without holding such feelings is an exercise in superficiality. Therein lies the secret to the Manitoba state of mind. To smile with sincerity one must be content with life. If Winnipegger's, being Manitoban's, are smiling all the time they must be content with life. Why? Hold on to your seat while I tell you.

To experience Winnipeg fully is to revel in diversity. Born of the fur trade and Western settlement in the mid 19th century, Winnipeg is now home to over 650,000 people originating from all corners of the planet. The city is a patchwork of ethnic communities that are Canadian while being distinctly Ukrainian, Italian, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Chilean, Polish, Indian, Chinese, Ethiopian... Proof of this can be found in the fact that Winnipeg boasts the highest per capita ratio of restaurants in North America. There is even a Mennonite restaurant called "D'8 Stchove" that serves divine plummoos.

In celebration of it's ethnicity, Winnipeg holds an annual cultural festival called Folklorama which has been rated one of North America's Super Events. It's a two week festival featuring pavilions of 40 countries and thus a chance to see, hear, taste and feel the culture of each country. This year at one of the Caribbean pavilions while downing the traditional rum punch and a spiced beef roti, I watched a limbo dancer make her way under a flaming stick perched on two beer bottles; all to the calypso beat of a full steel drum ensemble. Only in Winnipeg.

The largest French speaking population

in Western Canada resides in the St. Boniface area of Winnipeg and hosts a Festival du Voyageur each February which rivals that of Quebec. It's complete with ice sculptures, beard growing, pancakes and bannock with real maple syrup, and lots of jigs danced to fast moving fiddle music. Bien sur le Bonhomme est toujours la.

Are there any other festivals, you ask? Ah yes, a multitude, 25 annually to be exact. Perhaps the most internationally renowned is the Winnipeg Folk Festival, a four day extravaganza held in Birds Hill Park, which has featured the likes of Sarah McLaughlin, Billy Bragg, Jane Siberry, Loreena McKennitt and yes, even the Barenaked Ladies. The list goes on, the Jazz Festival, the Fringe Festival, the Children's Festival, the Film Festival, A Taste of Manitoba (read food festival)...

Winnipeg is relatively flat but it is not barren, it is very green. There are parks galore and more golf courses and elm trees (180,000) than any other major urban center in North America. Those who are turned off by the flatness of Winnipeg have obviously never experienced a shimmering, red-gold prairie sun setting over fields of mustard seed for as far as the eye can see. There's beauty and power in that sort of space, especially when it's engulfed by such overwhelming colour.

Now that I have you warmed up I am going to pummel you with tantalizing tidbits about Winnipeg. Prepare to be surprised, impressed and likely even held in a state of awe. Winnipeg: the word, means 'murky water' in Cree and refers to a large lake Northwest of the city; is home to the only intact fort from the fur trade era (Lower Fort Garry); hosts an art gallery with the largest collection of Inuit art in the world; has a mint that makes the circulation coins for Canada as well as currencies for 40 countries around the world; has three universities (one of which is completely French); has professional hockey, football, soccer and bas-

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**Winnipeg ... (Cont'd from p.5)**

ketball teams as well as stock car racing, horse racing and turtle races; is one of ten cities in North America to boast a full-time, professional ballet, opera, symphony and theatre company; does generally attract a few mosquitoes during the summer though numbers were way down this year; is 100 km west of one of North America's ten best beaches (Grand Beach) as rated by Playboy magazine; has the windiest corner in Canada (Portage and Main); is home to the only permanent

casino in Canada; had the first non-smoking Robin's Donuts in Canada; was the birthplace of such people as Neil Young, Monty Hall (Let's Make A Deal), Louis Riel, the Guess Who, the Crash Test Dummies, no Canadian Prime Minister, and Winnie the Pooh (no joke, there is a statue of the original Winnie bear in the Winnipeg zoo, which is, incidentally, the largest free zoo in North America); was the birthplace of five-pin bowling.

What more can I say? Actually lots, but I think I've told you enough to show you why Winnipeggers smile on a regular basis. Their lives are laid back and isolated by the prairies from the hustle and bustle of larger centres, yet filled with stimulation and the variety of the world. Not bad for a place that's known for being cold. It's a fact that cold myths die hard, so if this one is not dead, I hope that at least its been dispelled to a warmer climate.

## BONJOURS À TOUS ET À TOUTES!

**Par Catherine Maheu; Nat.IV  
V.P. Administration**

Je profite de ces quelques lignes pour faire un bref compte rendu des récents développements qui ont marqué la vie étudiante et plus spécifiquement celle de vos représentants étudiants cette semaine!

D'abord, le résultat des élections du 2 octobre dernier. Le Conseil de l'Association des étudiants et étudiantes en droit aimerait souhaiter la plus cordiale bienvenue à Marian Tremblay (BCL 1) et Ami Kotler (LLB 1) qui ont tous deux été élus par les étudiants de première année. L'AED ainsi que l'Exécutif, aimeraient remercier Philippe De Grandpré ainsi que tous ses acolytes pour leur travail et leur disponibilité pendant la campagne électorale et la journée élections.

Un autre membre du Conseil de l'Association a été élu le 2 octobre dernier, sans toutefois qu'il y ait eu un tour de scrutin général. En effet, les membres du Conseil ont procédé au choix du Président d'assemblée pour l'année 1992-1993. Trois très bons candidats ont offert leur services, ce qui a rendu le choix d'autant plus difficile. C'est Fred Headon (LLB 1) qui aura l'honneur de présider les débats houleux et enlevants de notre association. La passation du maillet devrait se faire dans les prochains jours. Félicitations!

Outre l'élection du président d'assemblée l'AED a discuté et adopté le budget de l'année qui vient. Si l'aspect financier de l'association vous intéresse,

n'hésitez pas à passer au bureau afin de vous procurer une copie du budget! Dans le but de rendre l'Association plus accessible, nous entreprendrons d'afficher les procès-verbaux des réunions sur un babilard près de la cafétéria. Une copie des procès-verbaux pourra également être fournie à ceux qui en feront la demande. De surcroît, je vous invite, au nom de l'AED, à venir assister à nos réunions si le cœur vous en dit! La date et l'heure sont généralement affichées sur le babilard de l'AED. N'hésitez pas, de plus, à nous faire part de vos commentaires et suggestions. Vous pouvez déposer toute note écrite dans la boîte à courrier des membres de l'Exécutif.

Deux membres de l'Exécutif, en l'occurrence Joshua Firemen et moi-même, ont aussi assisté vendredi le 2 octobre dernier, à la réunion de la Confédération des Associations des Étudiants en Droit, qui se tenait dans les bureaux de l'Association du Barreau Canadien. Un grand nombre de questions ont été abordées par les représentants de l'Université de Sherbrooke, de l'Université de Montréal, de l'UQAM, de McGill ainsi que ceux de l'Association du Barreau Canadien, entre autres l'organisation d'un grand colloque pour les étudiants en droit de la province. Ce colloque devra porter sur les perspectives de carrières dans le domaine du droit. Il aura lieu à l'UQAM le 7 novembre prochain, et tous sont invités à y participer. Plusieurs ateliers seront mis sur pied, dont un atelier portant sur les mécanismes alternatifs de résolution de conflits, un atelier portant sur le développement de la clientèle et le

marketing dans la pratique privée, un atelier sur la spécialisation (toujours d'un grand intérêt pour les étudiants), un atelier portant sur les premières années en pratique privée (de jeunes avocats viendront faire un témoignage) ainsi qu'un atelier sur les mille visages de la pratique du droit. Ce dernier atelier est une reprise du colloque de l'an dernier, et porte sur les différentes façons de pratiquer le droit.

L'Association du Barreau canadien désire organiser un colloque qui répondra aux besoins des étudiants et étudiantes. Par conséquent, on nous demande de donner des idées et des suggestions de thèmes qui sont d'intérêt pour nos étudiants. Si vous avez des commentaires, veuillez m'en faire part en laissant une note dans ma boîte à courrier, située au bureau de l'AED. Si vous désirez participer au colloque, surveillez les dépliants d'information qui vous seront distribués dans les prochaines semaines.

Un dernier mot rapide sur le Coffee House du jeudi le 15 octobre 1992, qui sera dédié à la mémoire de Patricia Allen. Les profits qui seront tirés de l'événement seront remis au Patricia Allen Memorial fund. Patricia Allen, diplômée de la Faculté de Droit de McGill, fut tuée l'an dernier dans des circonstances brutales et violentes. Ses collègues de classe ont décidé de créer le Patricia Allen Memorial Fund afin d'organiser, pour les étudiants de la Faculté de Droit, des conférences portant sur le sujet de la violence dans notre société. Nous espérons vous y voir en grand nombre.



# GOD BLESS AMERICA

By Joshua Fireman; BCL III

Well, those damn Yanquis are at it again. First, they decided that Thomas Edison and Peter Jennings are really Americans (being born in Canada, it appears, is a handicap that is now forgiven under the New Political Correctness). Now, they have gone and informed us that what we Canucks previously viewed as a pillar of our society is actually as American as Mom, apple pie and the right to bear arms (although coveting thy neighbour's wife is still a no no). Yes, my poor, misinformed readership, multiculturalism was first developed right down in the good, old U.S. of A.

In yet another example of Yanqui cultural imperialism, these running dogs of pop living are under the impression that "multiculturalism" originated in the United States in the early eighties! I discovered this little-known historical fact during one of my assiduous research sessions, as I was scanning a Yanqui magazine known as Gentleman's Quarterly (GQ, to those of us in the know). In an article written by one Gerri Hirshey, it is revealed not only that multiculturalism, as an idea, is less than a decade old, but that the "genesis of the term" can be traced back to CALIFORNIA!

According to Ms (I am operating under the traditionally male, sexist assumption that a man's name ending in an "i" means that the man is actually a woman) Hirshey, the term was coined by artists in California who found the word "minorities" (another born and bred Yanqui term, I'm sure) to be overly negative. The magazine seems to have printed this article (in this month's issue, should anyone wish to read the exposé him/herself) on the basis of the author's extensive history as a crack investigative reporter. This is established by the fact that GQ touts her as the author of an article on EDNA BUCHANAN in its September issue. Clearly, I am an out an out ignomiental (ie. the opposite of an intellectual) for not having realized that having writ-

ten about Edna Buchanan would make ANY writer's career, let alone one as proficient as Ms Hirshey.

Have you any idea what it is like to wake up and realize that all you believed to be true was AN INTRICATE LIE, PERPETRATED BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT on unknowing and passive Canadians FOR GENERATIONS? The realization that we, as Canadians, must have stolen multiculturalism from the Americans shook me to the very core of my being. After all, this only leaves us with just a few truly Canadian innovations to tout, such as hockey, lacrosse and Toronto-bashing.

I am ashamed to admit that I genuinely believed that good, old Gerry (the male equivalent of "Gerri") Weiner sat at the top of a genuinely made-in-Canada ministry. For what seems like years (decades? aeons?), I laboured under the delusion that Canada had come up with the term multiculturalism in order to justify our utter lack of patriotism. It justified the presence of "hyphenated Canadians", and served to distinguish us from the world-class melting pot south of the border.

I was foolish enough to believe that when Joe (who?) Clark was describing Canada as a "community of communities", he was articulating a truly Canadian view of the country. Clearly, I was mistaken. It is now apparent to me that Honest Joe(who?) must have picked up the idea on one of his official trips to the Great Satan next door. Just imagine the scenario: Wild Joe (who?) is sipping cappuccino and munching on a green salad in a California bistro. He is surrounded by artists, writers and the like, all discussing their latest pieces and theories on the workings of automatic transmission. Then, in a moment of unparalleled clarity which can only be compared to the proverbial lightbulb going off in the head, Joe (who?) focuses in on the lovely couple next to him. They are discussing an innovative concept called multicultu-

ralism. He immediately picks up on the idea, goes back to the hotel to be castigated by Maureen (who?) for being late for dinner, and comes back to the Great White North an intellectual richer man.

Granted, innovative Joe (who?) wasn't the first Canuck to expound this multicultural view of the country. There were others before him, and after him. But, the question must be asked - FROM WHENCE DID THE IDEA SPRING? Forsooth, we know not. But, to this hombre's mind, all signs point southwest. Let's face it. We Canadians aren't exactly an innovative lot. Sure, we have Don Cherry and Grapes. We eat poutine (which is actually a Quebecois invention, but became Canadian through incorporation by reference). We say "eh". We strap blades to our feet, poke each other with sticks, and try to fire dense rubber projectiles at a guy in a suit of armour. But, are we really innovative enough to come up with as sophisticated a concept as multiculturalism?

Remember that it was the Americans who invented family values. The Americans invented patriotism. The Americans invented "white power". The Americans invented Dan Quayle, Pat Buchanan (perhaps a relation of Edna's?) and Pat Robertson. Is there any disputing that America is the GREATEST FORWARD-THINKING NATION OF THE FACE OF GOD'S GREEN EARTH? I think not.

It is high time that we Canadians put a stop to these delusions of grandeur. We may be able to develop quaint, quirky concepts like the extinct [sic] society, but it takes some serious brain power to build an entire industry around people's most stupid home videos. Let us give thanks to the Great Innovators Down South for having allowed us to borrow (licence out?) a terrific concept like multiculturalism, and mold it to our own primitive purposes. We are, in the final analysis, a much better country for it.



# THE BEST DEFENCE

By Nick Katerinakis; BCL III

Ever since I was old enough to be a truant (a very successful one I might add) I have always aspired to be a criminal defence lawyer. Having completed two years of law school and after having devoured an entire wheel barrel of biographies and autobiographies written by and about prominent criminal lawyers my desire to pursue this noble career has grown immensely. However, a recent discussion with a fellow law student (who shall remain anonymous) has alerted me to a rather harsh and disturbing reality. The criminal defence lawyer is seen by many as a hinderance rather than an aid to our legal system. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Rather than going into a long tirade about the merits of the adversarial system or the importance of the advocate within in, and having failed desperately to convince my "consoeur" about the paramountcy of the defense lawyer in any democracy, I suggested we compromise by avoiding some of the following pitfalls:

## 1. Reading Criminal Law:

Refrain from substituting family members and loved ones for the victims in fact patterns when reading criminal cases. It will help you keep the modicum of impartiality you will need to get through that case.

## 2. Referring to the accused:

Stop referring to the accused as a murderer or rapist. Adding "alleged" before the offence will help maintain the fiction that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. The last time I checked this right was supposed to be afforded not only to the "alleged" tax evader/

greedy corporate director but equally to the "alleged" axe murderer.

## 3. Future Clients:

The distinction between the legal and illegal in our society or even legitimate and illegitimate are drawn on an extremely fine line. Television and the movies would love for us to believe that the Cowboys wear blue polyester suits and that the Indians wear black Armani (with a thin grey pin stripe) suits. I cannot accept this depiction. In my world policemen lie and prosecutors subvert the system in order to procure convictions. Just when you think you have figured out all the rules, prosecutors throw you a nasty spitball. If you don't believe me just ask the "Dapper Don" of New York. As such, I will have no trouble defending anyone in the future, whether she be accused of killing another mafia boss, molesting little boys in a convent or just roughing up a couple of prisoners in her custody. This does not mean I won't refuse clients. There is the matter of my fees after all.

## 4. "Can You Defend Someone You Know is Guilty?":

Anyone who has ever expressed even the slightest interest in criminal law has been asked this question. My only concern can be with providing the accused with the best defence possible, regardless of my opinions of her guilt or innocence. Ultimately, only God can know the innocence or guilt of my client. You would be crazy to ever refer a friend or a client to a lawyer who answers this question in the negative. These lawyers are doomed for failure and will inevitably be the ones teaching us Criminal Procedure.

## 5. Legal Technicalities:

Legal technicalities do not exist. If an individual goes free on a procedural error he is no less free than the individual who is acquitted by an eloquent presentation in an appellate court. Odds are that the "technicality" you will have discovered will not exist the next time around, the system having reformed itself. However, for many of the "law and order" types of the world rights to silence, to counsel and to free speech are but mere "legal technicalities" that should have been done away with a long time ago. These people are destined to find peace and happiness in the future Quebec. But that is another subject altogether.

## 6. Justice v. Consistency:

"Criminal justice" is a glaring contradiction in terms. A person who is killed or an abused child can never be restored to where they were before the offence had occurred. Diligent and relentless criminal defence lawyers are crucial in establishing consistency and reliability within the criminal legal system. Without adequate and uninhibited defence lawyers to guard against encroachments upon individual liberty, the system would lose its credibility and anarchy would prevail. Remember, Beirut once used to be a nice city to live in. Woah, I better slow down. I'm starting to sound like Joe Clark.

Please keep my business card close at hand and should you encounter any embarrassing situations in the future don't hesitate to call. Once again, I must swear you to secrecy about my future plans. My poor mom would go bananas if she knew I wanted to become a criminal lawyer. She still thinks I'm in dental school.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW B.C.L. I CLASS PRESIDENT

Hi everybody! Salut tout le monde! Je veux premièrement remercier tous ceux et celles qui se sont prévalus de leur droit de vote et tous les candidats qui se sont présentés. Ils avaient le coeur plein d'ambition, etc'était remarquable lors de la campagne électorale. I was told, by upper year students, that they had never seen 7 candidates for the position of B.C.L. I. Our strive for involvement shows the determination and the dynam-

ics of our class. The next 4 years look very promising.

As you new prez., I just want to remind you that I am available & open to all of you. As I mentioned during the campaign, with my undergrad from McGill, I can already be a source of info. Don't hesitate to stop me in the hallway or in the caf to talk to me.

If you have ideas, suggestions or if you just want to chat, I'll be glad to take a few minutes with you. Keep it up et à la prochaine,

Marian E. Tremblay; President BCL I

N.B. I'm not related to André Tremblay, so you can call me at 286-1329 without any fear of being recorded!